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TAGS: MARR, IN, US

SUBJECT: PM GANDHI'S GURTHER COMMENTS ON DIEGO  
GARCIA

REF: NEW DELHI 1982

1. ALL NEW DELHI NEWSPAPERS FEBRUARY 9 CARRY  
PTI REPORT MRS. GANDHI TOLD PRESS CONFERENCE IN  
GAUHATI (ASSAM) THE PREVIOUS DAY THAT SETTING UP  
OF A NUCLEAR BASE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN WAS CONTRARY  
TO UN RESOLUTIONS AND THAT "WHENEVER ANY COUNTRY  
TAKES STEPS LIKE THIS, OTHERS MAY ALSO JOIN, WHICH  
LEADS TO A SITUATION OF CONFRONTATION RATHER THAN OF  
PEACE." ASKED IF INDIA WOULD TAKE UP THE ISSUE  
OF DIEGO GARCIA WITH THE US AND UK, MRS. GANDHI  
IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID, " THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN  
TAKE UP. THEY KONW OUR POSITION WELL." SHE  
REPORTEDLY ADDED THERE WAS NO POINT IN  
LODGING A FORMAL PROTEST.

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2. THE "TIMES OF INDIA" ALSO CARRIES A BRIEF REPORT THAT THE PRIME MINISTER, IN HER REMARKS IN UP ON FEBUARY 6 (NEW DELHI1903) IN WHICH SHE WAS QUOTED BY ONE WIRE SERVICE AS SEEING A THREAT TO INDIA'S SECURITY AND "AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS", DID NOT ACTUALLY REFER SPECIFICALLY TO THE US OR UK OR TO DIEGO GARCIA, BUT ONLY TO INDIAN AND SRI LANKAN EFFORTS TO GET THE IOZP ACCEPTED. SHE SAID THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MILITARY BASES RAN COUNTER TO THIS EFFORT AND WOULD THERATEN THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE AREA. THE PM'S PRESS SECRETARY CONFIRMS THIS VERSION.

3. PRESS COVERAGE OF THE PM'S REMARKS AND OF CRITICAL COMMENTS FROM AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, INDONESIA, AND MALAYSIA WERE ALL FRONT PAGE BUT NO FURTHER EDITORIALS WERE CARRIED FEBRUARY 9. SCHNEIDER

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